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Commission Report Says Rural Telephone Lines Should Be Built

City Court Case Set Wednesday In Supreme Court

North Wilkesboro Takes Up Case Of Woman Freed By Habeas Corpus

North Carolina Supreme court on Wednesday, March 8, will hear a case involving the validity of the North Wilkesboro mayor's court.

The question will reach the high court through writ of certiorari taken by the Town of North Wilkesboro following the release of a convicted person by habeas corpus before Superior Court Judge Justice C. Rudisell, of Newton.

Mrs. Grace Lovette Wingler was convicted in North Wilkesboro mayor's court for keeping a disorderly house and for prostitution. Mayor R. T. McNeil as presiding judge sentenced the woman to two years in jail. She gave notice of appeal to superior court and filled bond. Later she was surrendered by her bondsman to jail and through writ of habeas corpus pleaded that she was unlawfully imprisoned because the court in North Wilkesboro was invalid. Judge Rudisell allowed the writ and released the defendant and her bondsman. Mrs. Wingler has since been indicted in Wilkes superior court on the same charge but when she was released and before she was indicted she left this community and has not been taken on the superior court charge.

In the writ of habeas corpus it was alleged that the mayor's court in North Wilkesboro was operating without power of law. It further set out that the 1949 legislature passed an act amending the set-up of the court and providing that the city commissioners appoint and pay a salary to a judge, who would not be an elected official, and that all court officials be paid salaries instead of fees from defendants taxed with costs. Under the prior system the mayor, clerk or solicitor were compensated by fees paid by defendants taxed with costs.

However, the city commissioners, having been advised that the new act was unconstitutional, elected to retain the old mayor's court and not make the changes as prescribed by the act of 1949. The petition for the writ of Habeas corpus set out that the mayor, since effective date of the 1949 act had no power to be judge of the court, and also alleged that the system of compensating the judge, solicitor and clerk of the court solely by fees from convicted defendants is unconstitutional.

Through writ of certiorari those affected are seeking to clear up the entire matter of validity, including the question of constitutionality of the 1949 act as well as validity of the mayor's court as previously and presently operated.

Mrs. D. F. Byrd Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Wadie Byrd, 64, wife of D. F. Byrd, of North Wilkesboro, died Sunday afternoon.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday at two p. m. at Oak Ridge church. Rev. Charles Richardson and Rev. Troy Blevins will conduct the service.

Surviving Mrs. Byrd are her husband and the following sons and daughters: Clifton Byrd, of Detroit; Mrs. Ollie Yale Hillard, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Presley Adams, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Don Trent, Millers Creek; Mrs. Gwyn Watkins, who resides in Oregon; Albert Byrd, Mrs. George Combs, and Mrs. Arlie Hayes, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Quincey Reavis, of Wilkesboro.

Alexander Child Funeral Saturday

Philip Eugene Alexander, two-year-old son of Willie Amos and Ola Mae Burchette Alexander, of the Rock Creek community east of this city, died Thursday night at the hospital here.

Funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 a. m. at Arbor Grove Baptist church with Rev. Jimmie Bryant conducting the last rites.

Surviving are the father and mother, three brothers and two sisters.

Renew Concert Membership.

FAMOUS CONCERT ARTIST COMING



RUBINOFF AND HIS VIOLIN TO GIVE CONCERT MARCH 22

Rubinoﬀ and his violin, internationally famed concert artist, will appear in a concert here on the night of March 22nd, 8:30 o'clock, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars clubhouse.

Rubinoﬀ will come to North Wilkesboro under auspices of the North Wilkesboro Lions club, W. D. Jester, Lions president, announced today.

"We feel indeed fortunate in being able to bring such a great artist to North Wilkesboro", Paul Cashion, Lions district governor and chairman of the Rubinoﬀ arrangements here, said in connection with the announcement, "and we are all aggressively determined to make this one of the outstanding events of the year in this community".

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The famed musician will bring here for his concert the fabulous Stradivarius violin which, insured for \$100,000, is reputed to possess the most beautiful tonal qualities in the entire world; and a brand new program of famous favorites loved by the American people, such as Warsaw Concerto, Chopin's Polonaise, Debussy's Claire de Lune, and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. These compositions will have their premier performance as violin solos arranged and played by the maestro.

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Phone Meeting On Thursday, Mar. 9 At The Town Hall

Transportation and Utilities committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has called a public meeting to be held Thursday, four p. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall for consideration of the report and order of the North Carolina Utilities Commission relative to telephone improvements and expansion in Wilkes county.

The purpose of the meeting is to study the report and order of the commission and give interested citizens an opportunity to ask any changes they desire in the commission's order.

The Transportation and Utilities committee has invited one or more representatives of every community seeking rural telephones, attorneys for those groups, Central Telephone company manager here, local representative of the Utilities Commission and representatives of manufacturing plants.

Home Club Speaker

Judge Camille McGee Kelley, nationally known for her work as juvenile court judge at Memphis, Tenn., will address the Spring Federation of Home Demonstration club women of Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin at Elkin Thursday, March 9th.

Annual Spring Festival of Home Demonstration club women in Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties will be held in the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A. in Elkin on Thursday, March 4, beginning at 10:15 a. m. and continuing until 2:30 p. m.

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Support The Red Cross

Renew Subscription Before March 10th

Journal - Patriot subscribers whose subscriptions expired on March 1 will have until Friday, March 10, to renew before their subscriptions are discontinued.

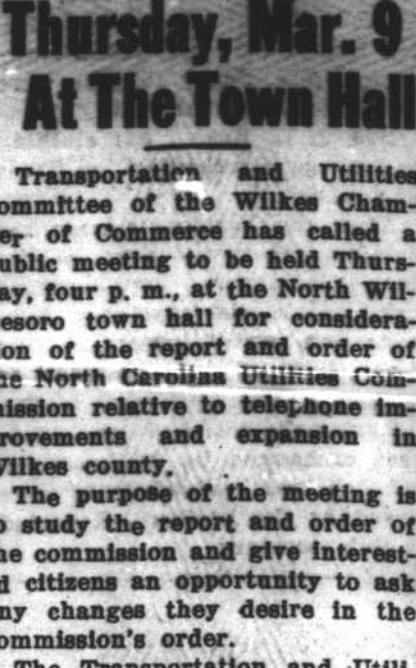
All who have received notice of expiration are respectfully requested to send in their renewals before Friday so that they will not miss any issues of The Journal-Patriot.

Banquet Opens Wilkesboro Agriculture Department Building



This is a scene at the Future Farmers of America father and son banquet held on Wednesday night opening the new agriculture department building of Wilkesboro high school. Standing, left to right at the speakers' table are: County Agent Paul Choplin, Kenneth Ferguson, Agriculture instructor, Fred Davis, C. O. McNeil, chairman of the county board of education, Durant Hayes, F.F.A. President Hugh Mathis, A. L. Teachy, state supervisor of agriculture education, Hayden Cleary, and L. Y. Ballentine, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture. (Photo by S. Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

GOVERNOR PRESENTS PLAQUE TO WILKES



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Company Ordered To Make Survey Of Line Requests



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W. Genio Walsh Is Candidate For Office of Sheriff

W. Genio Walsh, a prominent citizen of the Beaver Creek community of Wilkes county, has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Wilkes county on the Democratic ticket and filed his notice of candidacy and filing fee with the Wilkes county board of elections.

Mr. Walsh, the son of Mrs. Lela Triplett Walsh, and the late W. F. Walsh, was born February 20, 1908. He is engaged in farming, mercantile business and mechanic work and resides in the Beaver Creek community near Ferguson.

Mr. Walsh is a member and deacon of the Beaver Creek Baptist church. He is also active in community and fraternal affairs and is a member of Mount Pleasant Masonic lodge and the North Wilkesboro Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The telephone company's rural report is asked to show total pole miles, total circuit miles, definite number who agree to take and keep service, indicating whether or not subscribers will make a deposit, pay rent in advance, or just what agreement each subscriber will enter into to show good faith.

The report of the company on request for rural lines will also show estimated cost of each project, so as to show actual cost of each phase of construction, and anticipated revenue to be received from each project.

The commission proposed that when the report is received that each project will be checked and investigated and that final orders will be issued following investigation of the projects.

Commenting on the Wilkes area the commission's report stated:

"Wilkes county is among the leading counties in the state of North Carolina in industry and agriculture. The county has made much progress in the past few years, and there has developed within its bounds, a great industry in the raising and processing of poultry. Vast quantities of dressed poultry are shipped daily to all parts of the eastern United States. Wilkes county also has some of the finest and most productive apple orchards to be found anywhere throughout the entire United States. Some sections within the county hold records of producing and distribution of this fruit. The county also engages in widespread dairying and other agriculture enterprises, and in addition thereto, is an important manufacturing center for many products. Further, the county developed as a trading and commercial center, and its people are among the most progressive and prosperous to be found anywhere." In further comment the report stated: "The inadequate telephone facilities now provided to the citizenship of North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county are wholly inadequate, and fail to render either sufficient or necessary service to those having need of same. This is a condition that the Utilities Commission will not allow to continue."

Early membership renewal will be a boost for the Community Concert Association. Why not renew yours now?

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Columbus Brady Lewis, 72, a well known resident of the Benham community, died Sunday afternoon at his home.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at Cool Springs church with Rev. Marvin Burcham in charge.

Surviving Mr. Lewis are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Lewis; one son, Marvin Lewis, of Elkin; and two daughters, Mrs. F. C. Smith, of Benham, and Mrs. C. M. Settle, of New Orleans.